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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A stent graft prosthesis for placement in a vessel  
2 comprising:  
3 a graft portion including a first end, a second end, and a main body  
4 portion, generally tubular in shape, that comprises a first layer of material;  
5 a cuff portion, having a first edge and a second edge, the first edge  
6 thereof located about the first end of the main body of the graft portion, the  
7 cuff portion comprising a second layer of material closely adjacent the main  
8 body portion; and  
9 a supporting structure attached about the first end of the graft  
10 portion, and to the cuff portion.
  
- 1 2. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the cuff portion  
2 is folded over the main body portion such that the proximal, first end of the  
3 cuff portion comprises a folded edge and the second end comprises a free  
4 edge.
  
- 1 3. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 2, wherein the cuff portion  
2 is folded over the outside of the main body portion.
  
- 1 4. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 3, wherein the cuff portion  
2 comprises a plurality of flaps extend over the first edge of the graft portion.
  
- 1 5. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the supporting  
2 structure includes an anchoring stent attached to the cuff portion and main  
3 body portion.

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- 1 6. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the cuff portion  
2 comprises one or more elements separate of the main body portion that are  
3 attached thereto.
- 1 7. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 6, wherein the cuff portion  
2 comprises an external sealing zone extending laterally from the main body  
3 portion, the external sealing zone configured to engage the walls of the  
4 vessel to facilitate sealing therebetween and reduce leakage of fluid.
- 1 8. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the second edge  
2 of the cuff portion comprises a frayed portion.
- 1 9. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the second edge  
2 of the cuff portion comprises a fringed portion.
- 1 10. (Currently Amended) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 1, wherein the  
2 cuff portion comprises a second material different than that of the main  
3 body material
- 1 11. (Currently Amended) A stent graft prosthesis for placement in a vessel  
2 comprising:  
3 a graft portion including a main body portion generally tubular in  
4 shape, that includes a first end and a second end;  
5 a cuff portion comprising an external sealing zone generally located  
6 at or closely adjacent the first end of the graft portion, the external sealing  
7 zone ~~having structure~~ comprising a second layer of material that generally  
8 encircles and extends laterally from the main body portion to create a  
9 circumferential seal between graft portion and the adjacent walls of the  
10 vessel to reduce leakage of bodily fluid thereabout.

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- 1 12. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 11, wherein the cuff  
2 portion comprises a frayed portion.
- 1 13. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 11, wherein the cuff  
2 portion comprises a fringed portion.
- 1 14. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 11, wherein the cuff  
2 portion comprises a band of material situated therearound.
- 1 15. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 14, wherein the band of  
2 material comprises a second material, wherein the second material is  
3 different than that of the main body of the graft portion.
- 1 16. (Original) A stent graft prosthesis for placement in a vessel comprising:  
2 a graft portion including a main body portion;  
3 an outer cuff portion, having a first edge and a second edge, that is  
4 located about the first end of the graft portion and attached thereto; and  
5 an anchoring stent attached to the main body portion and outer cuff  
6 portion, the anchoring stent extending proximally therefrom.
- 1 17. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 16, wherein the outer cuff  
2 portion comprises an external sealing zone.
- 1 18. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 16, wherein the outer cuff  
2 portion comprises a frayed portion.
- 1 19. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 16, wherein the outer cuff  
2 portion is folded over the main body portion with the anchoring stent being  
3 attached thereover.

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- 1 20. (Original) The stent graft prosthesis of claim 16, wherein the outer cuff
- 2 portion is folded over the main body portion with the anchoring stent being
- 3 attached between the outer cuff portion and the main body portion.

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